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| 10/030,402 | 05/20/2002 | Sakae Shibusawa | 04730/003001 | 8989 |

TITLE OF INVENTION: SOIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT, SOIL MEASUREMENT ASSISTING DEVICE AND METHOD, RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH A PROGRAM IS RECORDED, RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH DATA IS RECORDED, APPLICATION AMOUNT CONTROLLER, APPLICATION AMOUNT DETERMINING DEVICE, METHOD FOR THEM, AND FARM WORKI

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| ASSOUAD, PATRICK J | 2857 | 702-022000 |

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| FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005 | | Application Number | 10/030,402-Conf. #8989 |
| | | Filing Date | May 20, 2002 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Sakae Shibusawa |
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| Application Type | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | | | | | | 50 | 25 |
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| Multiple dependent claims | | | | | | 360 | 180 |
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